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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 January 1980

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director welcomed Harry Fitzwater and solicited from him any comment or items to report. Fitzwater noted [] people will be retiring from the Agency on 11 January including [] SIS and one supergrade. The Director asked Fitzwater if there have been any reactions to the recently issued explanation of conversion to SIS I and II. He replied no problems have been noted thus far, but opined we may see problems when senior GS-15s near in-grade increases at the time of conversion to SIS. []

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Hitz reported he and Silver have consulted with Tom Latimer, HPSCI, re a "confederation of initiatives" vis-a-vis Charters Legislation. Hitz reported HPSCI Chairman Boland's explanation re Charters, i.e., when a bill is acceptable to both the Administration and his Committee, the HPSCI will move quickly, but may require up to two months of hearings. Other items discussed: the HPSCI expects any Hughes-Ryan Amendment to be proposed by the President; progress on Identities Legislation--expectations of early Congressional action; action on FOIA and graymail, however, are expected to take much longer. Referring to indications of increasing support by the President to intelligence, Mr. Carlucci said the President's speechwriters and the SCC seem not to have gotten together in this regard. Hitz said he would look into it. The Director suggested that, despite a frantic year coming up on the Hill, Congress may might show favorable support to intelligence by addressing pertinent legislation. []

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The Director called attention to a New York Times item of 7 January: "Trial by Agee" (attached). In response to the Director's query, Silver said there is nothing new to report and that, thus far, sources and methods are not involved. []

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Waller reported the Iran Study Group library of documents is being reduced to a 30-page summary on U.S. policy toward Iran during the past three decades.

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The Director reported the following items from today's Cabinet meeting:

- The Director said he asked former Governor of Florida Askew, Special Trade Representative, to visit Headquarters. Hineman said he would get in touch with Askew's office to arrange. (Action: NFAC) [] 25X1
- The Director summarized the President's specific interests pertaining to Iran. He said also the President sees Soviet intervention in Afghanistan as the greatest threat to peace since World War II. The Director noted varying counts of Soviet troops in Afghanistan and would like to be more certain of the specific number. (Action: NFAC) [] 25X1
- It was announced that the U.S. Treasury will substitute for the USSR in purchasing 17 million tons of grain and that the financial burden will not be borne solely by U.S. farmers. Relatedly, the Director commented on Cabinet discussion re gasohol costs in relation to gasoline costs in barrel quantities. [] 25X1
- Secretary Bergland, Agriculture, said U.S. businessmen are reporting the Soviets were "flabbergasted" by the President's decisions re Afghanistan. The Director said he would like more information on this, particularly on information sources. (Action: NFAC and DDO) [] 25X1
- Regarding publicity that the 17 million tons of grain would be used by the Soviets for livestock, the Director said he would like NFAC's views on this. (Action: NFAC) [] 25X1
- The Australians and Canadians have agreed to support the U.S. sanction on grain, but the Argentines will not. [] 25X1
- Cuba's inability to speak out against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan resulted in its withdrawal from arguments re seating in the UN Security Council. [] 25X1
- Chairman of Economic Advisers Schultze reported the GNP will reduce by one-half percent because of oil pricing and that inflation will rise by one percent; he said a mild recession is in view with no relief from inflation in sight. [] 25X1
- The President complained of poor achievement Governmentwide in minority procurement. The Director asked Wortman to check into the Agency's performance. In this regard Mr. Carlucci cited some of the problems we face, and [] described related difficulties in high technology procurement, [] 25X1
--too few minority contractors with high technology capability. (Action: DDA) [] 25X1

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-- The President complained about achievement in minority youth employment programs. Mr. Carlucci cited the kinds of problems these programs have encountered. The Director asked that we review our record and let him know. Fitzwater noted about 20 minority youths will be coming on board in 1980. (Action: D/PPPM) []

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The Director noted preparation of his Presidential briefing underway which will include focus on current problems of technology transfers and impacts resulting from increased restrictions on Soviet access. []

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The Director said he would like confirmation and more information re Soviet fishing fleets in U.S. waters, especially the meaning of fishing tonnage allowed to the Soviets. He noted that, at today's Cabinet meeting, DOT Secretary Goldschmidt reported the U.S. Coast Guard is doubling its effort to monitor Soviet fishing vessels. The Director said also he would like to know the extent of intelligence capability to monitor Soviet fishing in U.S. Pacific waters. (Action: NFAC) []

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The Director expressed his interest in knowing more about Presidential Scientific Adviser Frank Press' report on the 22 September nuclear event. Hinemansaid a final report has not yet been issued, but he will review and advise. (Action: NFAC) []

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The Director asked Hineman to have [] and Stoertz review our situation in collection and analysis with the prospect of no SALT II agreement. [] described some obvious implications in the important areas []

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[] The Director said he wants to be more confident of what we should be looking for as significant Soviet actions with respect to SALT. He asked Hineman, [] and Koehler to give this matter an overall look. (Action: NFAC, CT, RM) []

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The Director expressed his concern for the 6 January Washington Post article: "The Chilling Signs of Mind Control" (attached). He asked Stein and Hineman to examine the accuracy of the article and advise on ways to allay the concerns of family dependents of U.S. hostages in Iran. (Action: NFAC and DDO)

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Trial by Agee

Philip Agee, the onetime C.I.A. agent whose passport was revoked last week, has earned the hatred of his former employers and the suspicion of many others by systematically identifying United States agents around the world. His writings have made intelligence much more hazardous. And lately, from West Germany (he has been kicked out of three other countries) he is bad-mouthing American intelligence again.

Gut feelings aside, though, the United States must obey its own laws in dealing with him and it's doubtful that those laws permit lifting his passport. That action seems to have been provoked by his public suggestion that the C.I.A.'s Iran files be exchanged for the hostages in Teheran. The idea was offensive, but not a crime. The State Department's fear that the former agent will go to Iran to participate in a trial of the hostages seems based on a misreading of an unconfirmed news report. He says he hasn't been invited and wouldn't accept such an invitation.

The Government considers Mr. Agee a threat to "national security or the foreign policy of the United

States" but it has yet to accuse him of violating any law. The Supreme Court made clear two decades ago in the *Rockwell Kent* case that citizens who haven't broken the law can't be denied passports under the statutes on the books. Even if Congress clearly conferred such power on the State Department, the Court said, there would be serious constitutional objections because the right to travel has become a recognized part of personal liberty. We await with interest the Government's legal justification as it resists Mr. Agee's suit to regain his passport.

We have our own quarrel with Mr. Agee. Aside from endangering the lives of certain countrymen abroad, he has brought discredit on those who want to expose C.I.A. misdeeds, but for the worthy purpose of bringing intelligence agencies within the rule of law. Like the Nazis of Skokie who gave freedom of assembly a bad name two years ago, Mr. Agee tests not only our laws but also our commitment to law. We're tempted to join Jules Feiffer's recent call for "a better class of victim." But time and circumstance will not let us wait.

Warren Adler

'The Chilling Signs of Mind Control'

From the moment Iranian terrorists stormed the embassy in Tehran, we have heard a drumbeat of assurances that the hostages would not be "harmed." The assurances have come from the terrorists themselves, Iranian foreign ministers, mullahs and various self-appointed "spokespersons." The terrorists have offered selected hostages for view, under controlled conditions, by foreign ambassadors, clergy and a maverick congressman—all of whom have proclaimed the hostages in good health and spirits.

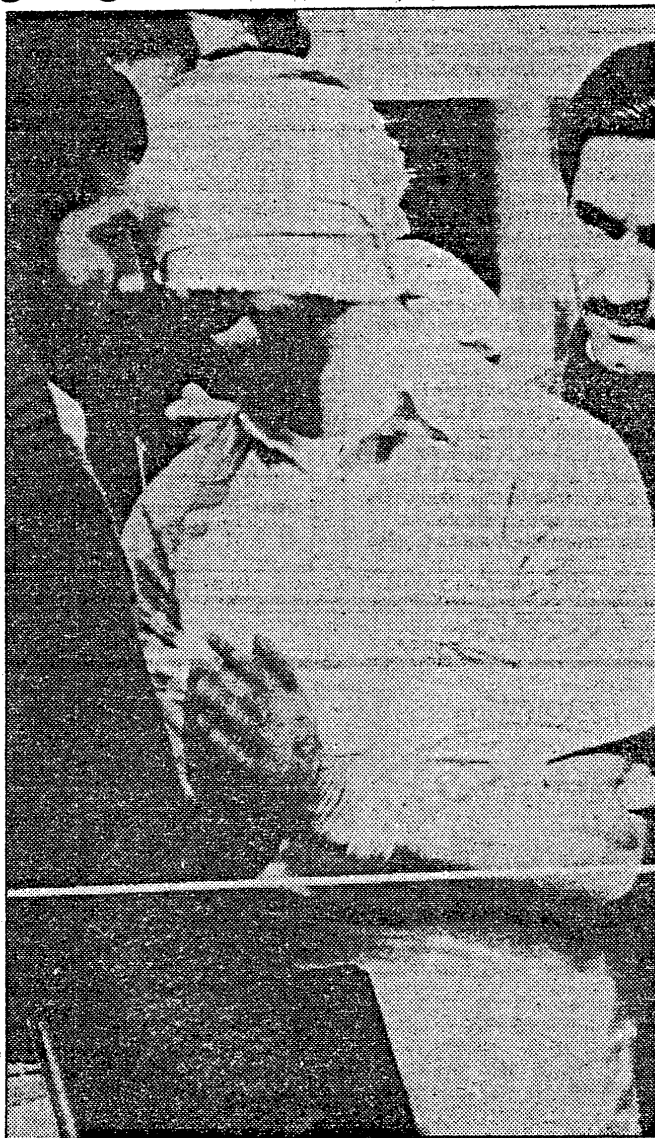
Those of us who have observed the growing cult phenomena and studied mind control are not in the least placated by these assurances. Nor can we fault embassy visitors for their naive observations. There are many who do not believe that it is possible to assault, subdue and control the human mind from outside itself.

My own indifference to these possibilities was exploded in one bizarre confrontation with my own son after a two-week "indoctrination" in a camp operated by Sun Myung Moon. We, too, were paralyzed and helpless, until it became apparent that the only way to obtain his release was to be a form of forcible extraction.

From this experience, and subsequent study, I am certain that most of the hostages have already been "harmed." Hard clues began emerging immediately. A petition signed by the hostages urging the shah's return. A similar letter by a young Marine. A staged press conference in which one of the black marines, subsequently released, revealed how friendly he had gotten with his captors. The television exhibition of Cpl. William Gallegos in which he praised the captors and favored their position. Then came another television pageant on Christmas Day in which four hostages read canned statements. Any parent who has ever seen his child after a cult programming can recognize in the hostages' demeanor the chilling signs of mind control.

The words of Joseph Subric Jr., before the cameras on Christmas, are lifted whole out of the litany of the cult experience. "My thinking started to turn around. My eyes and mind were starting to awake to the truth," Subric said. I have heard these words before with tears in my soul.

The visiting clergymen were the biggest dupes of all, typical of other



naive religious leaders to whom the common denominator of "spirituality" is the overriding consideration in all human endeavor. Their praise for the "spirituality" of the captors totally blinded their judgment. Can people who believe in "God" be all that bad? they surely reasoned. Many a parent with a child captured by the specious cults has taken refuge in such rationalizations.

The evidence has convinced me that the hostages are victims of mind control. I believe they have been brainwashed. A better term, coined by Flo Conway and Jim Siegelman,

authors of the book "Snapping," is "information disease."

The classic conditions for achieving mind control are present—isolation, fear, sleep deprivation, diet manipulation and control of all information. The hostages are kept apart, have been or still are bound and are prevented from communicating with each other and the outside world. Their principal contact is with their captors. They spend a great deal of time reading. But no one asks, "What are they reading?" What, indeed.

The hostages are also subjected to "love bombing," meaning, "We, your

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captors, truly love you and the American people. It is your government and president that are Satanic for harboring the shah." A calculated program of dependency, too, has been employed. Permission must be granted for the most basic of human necessities. By granting dispensation, the captors mete out rewards and punishments forcing dependency. The cult's methods exactly. It is probable, too, that they have been broken up into small groups for "confession," a process in which the victims admit their "wrongdoing."

There is certainly, too, a bombardment of allegations and accusations. When the new information—coupled with the emotional and psychological assault—"overflows," the victim "snaps," meaning that the subject's mind becomes fixed into a new mode, new beliefs and perceptions.

There appears to be more here than meets the eye. What we are likely to see paraded before the television cameras will be people who are no longer in control of their minds. We are likely to see Americans castigate their government and president, confess to spying, perhaps murder, damn their fellow citizens and inexplicably offer gratitude to their captors for "teaching" them the horrors of American policy.

If a trial occurs, many Americans might look upon these people as "traitors" or "turncoats." They will be neither. They are victims, and they must be seen as victims of a form of rape, mind rape, and our hearts must go out to them. Unfortunately, few of us will really understand. Our allies will be appalled, our enemies reinforced in their hatreds.

For America, a show trial would be an incalculable political disaster, despite our advance protestations. For the hostages, if they are released after their ordeal, it is likely to be a debilitating mental trauma.

They will have to be "deprogrammed," cured of information disease. Even then, their mental health is not ensured. People "deprogrammed" out of cults take months, even years, to recover. Some may never again achieve normality. Others may sink into massive depressions, or worse.

Admittedly, this is difficult to comprehend, and I cannot offer an optimistic vision of the hostages' future. If I am wrong, then consider this little treatise more educational than prescient. But if I am right, then we had better tap the deepest wells of our compassion and understanding. We will need every drop we can muster.